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Fifty years ago, President Wilson spoke words which caught the imagination of a war-weary world ~~when he said~~ during World War I:

He said

1. This is the war to end wars."

   (1) His dream for peace after ~~the~~ that war was shattered on the hard realities of great power politics, and Wilson died a broken man.

Tonight I do not tell you that the war in Vietnam is the war to end wars.

1. ~~I do say let us end this war in a way that will enable us to win that just and lasting peace which Woodrow Wilson and every President in our history has been dedicated.~~

I do say that

I have initiated a plan which will end this war in a way that will bring us ~~nearer~~ closer to that great goal of a just and lasting peace to which Woodrow Wilson and every President in our history has been dedicated.

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And so tonight to you, the great silent majority of my fellow Americans, I ask for your support.

1. I pledged in my campaign for the Presidency to end the war in a way that we could win the peace.

2. I have initiated a plan of action which will enable me to keep that pledge.

3. The more support I can have from the American people, the sooner that pledge can be redeemed.

4. Let us be united for peace. Let us also be united against defeat.

   (1) Because let us understand North Vietnam cannot defeat or humiliate the United States.

      1. Only Americans can do that.